**November 19, 2019 @ 9:30 AM rm 207**

**8 people (attendance)**

* No “formal” agenda
* Survey is not functional, needs to be updated, need trauma informed approach
	+ PIT count is grossly undocumented; youth are in and out of shelters
* Youth do not know about shelter system and will couch surf / live with friends
	+ According to HUD they are not homeless
	+ Youth do not have a stable home
	+ 2 shelters that service youth in LI are in Suffolk and Nassau County (Hope for Youth, Nassau Haven)
	+ There is inadequate funding to service the youth
* Need a better understanding of how many youths are experiencing homelessness and the services they need
	+ WHAT DO THEY NEED?
	+ WHAT SYSTEMS ARE FAILING?
	+ WHAT SYSTEM IS FAILING THIS GENERATION?
* Gender identity – needs to be clearer on the survey
	+ Proper pronouns
	+ Recommendations from supervisor (Anthony – pass sheet around)
	+ Sexual assignment vs. gender identity
* Changing the term “youth” in survey
	+ Collab of Youth/Youth Adult phrasing
* Need to work with school systems
	+ - Attendance list
		- Community coordinator – give resources to families
		- They will have a better idea of where they are
		- School is considered a “safe haven” / not a “safe haven” for some students
* What is the appropriate approach so that the youth feels comfortable answering questions? (from the survey)
	+ Important to respect boundaries
	+ Important to respect what they are saying
	+ These are the people who are going to be “our next generation”
	+ Approach this in a trauma informed manner
	+ Being homeless = traumatic event and not the first traumatic event they’ve gone through. Contributing factors that led to them being homeless (unsupportive parents, disclosing true identity, sex trafficking, domestic violence, etc.)
	+ We do “not know their story”
	+ Any story can be re-traumatizing for the victim
	+ The youth do not have to answer questions; the survey is used to better understand what the youth is going through (without making assumptions)
	+ Cannot approach them in an intimidating way
* What is the appropriate approach for those who are nursing/are taking care of a sibling(s)? (pregnant or parenting)
	+ Do they know they have certain rights with getting help with child care?
	+ Need to link them to resources
* Sharing stories (Nikita from FCA)
	+ Some youth do not feel safe in the shelter
	+ Individual would rather stay in the park
	+ Link with different outreach groups to connect multiple resources (MTA with street outreach team)
	+ Spread information to the school systems
* Trauma Informed Training
* Youth resource guide development
	+ Linking resources
	+ If this, then, that
	+ Understanding what is available
* Deported families – how to approach fear of being deported for the individual
	+ Linking services for language barrier
	+ What language do you feel comfortable communicating in?
	+ Do not have to answer questions if they do not feel comfortable
* Undocumented and LGBTQ for homeless
	+ Need to “change”
	+ They are not accepted and kicked out of their house
	+ Forcing child to go to conversion therapy camp
* Next steps
	+ Trauma informed trainings (Justin)
	+ Brief description of sexual orientations / gender identities (Anthony and Justin)
	+ Development of resource guide (Dana and Nikita)
	+ Send minutes (Thanh)
	+ Invitees for next meeting (Krista)
		- Recommendations from other organizations
	+ December meeting scheduled, plan for monthly meetings moving forward
	+ PIT Count for January 22nd